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Student Leaders

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**NSA Officers
Given Up to
\$2,500 Yearly**

**Agency Required
No Accounting of
Funds for 'Costs'**

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within NSA and the assistance he was able to offer to the CIA.

The payments supplemented the annual salaries—ranging from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in recent years—for NSA officers and staff members.

Of the 30 to 50 young persons on the NSA payroll in recent years, only a relatively small number enjoyed the hidden CIA supplement to their incomes.

Staff members of the association's national commission, who worked on domestic rather than international programs, received none of the money and did not know of the salary disparity.

National Student Association Ramparts magazine, which officers and staff members who touched off the current controversy, reported yesterday that Intelligence Agency received the student group's officers and undercover payments of \$500 to \$2,500 annually from the CIA for its assistance.

The previously undisclosed "under the table" payments were given in recent years to some of NSA's presidents, its international affairs vice presidents and selected members of its international commission staff.

The CIA, deeply concerned about countering Communist youth groups, required no accounting of the funds and viewed the payments as justified by the cost of the tasks the selected NSA officials would have to perform for the United States above and beyond their responsibilities to the student organization.

The money paid to the individuals was in addition to the more than \$3 million which the CIA poured into NSA programs from 1952 through 1965 through foundations.

Only A Few

The amount of money given to

means of securing deferments for his staff members.

Arguing that even without its CIA ties, NSA was performing a major service aiding students in the country and abroad, Sherburne took his case to Selective Service Director Louis B. Hershey and the Selective Service Presidential Review Board.

As a result of his efforts, the staff members threatened with immediate military service received legitimate deferments without reliance on the intelligence agency.

Sherburne's break with the CIA was described in advance copies of the Ramparts article released yesterday to news

media. The magazine itself will not be on sale until later this month.

"As An Arm . . ."

The magazine concluded that "so intimately was the CIA involved in NSA's international program, that it treated the NSA as an arm of U.S. foreign policy."

"To NSA, the CIA relationship was a comfortable one. It meant lots of money, a sense of doing important work, overseas travel and, perhaps, most important of all, very little feeling of having sold out one's political convictions."

The CIA's main purpose throughout was to combat Communist-financed youth organizations which—like NSA and similar Western groups—were not publicly sponsored by governments, and thus appeared to be "students only."

The article describes in detail NSA's relations with the CIA's Covert Action Division 5, the intelligence unit responsible for youth and student affairs.

"Sherburne's initial attitude toward the agency was friendly but reserved. He was willing to take CIA money for NSA work

and to consult with the agency on matters of common interest, but he was the first NSA president who demanded full control of international programs," Ramparts said.

"Previously, international programs—scholarships, student exchanges, conferences and the like—had all been worked out by NSA staff members and their CIA contacts."

"But the agency resisted Sherburne's reforms and applied pressure through their foundations. For the first time in many years, there were delays in granting of funds from foundations."

"Finally, most of the money was released to NSA and a modus vivendi of sorts was reached. . . . At the end of a year of relative independence, Sherburne was faced with approximately a \$35,000 deficit that no one picked up. The deficit has remained, despite staff cutbacks. The 'firm' doesn't like rebellious children."

Cut All Ties

Sherburne eventually cut all financial ties to the CIA, but because some of the CIA-funded programs were underway at the time of the decision, the final break did not come until early this year.

Ramparts said that "firm" was one of several "black" code words used by the student group's CIA representatives when they discussed their relationship in a semipublic place.

The CIA was never referred to by its name, initials or even as the "agency." Instead the word "firm" was used, the magazine said.

Ramparts said those who knew of the relationship never were described as "agents" or "operatives" but only as being